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your Membership Card
ready at the door as
you enter!***

Visitor Fee

We have a \$5 fee for
visitors to attend meetings.
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to children.

December 2018 Program



Diane Harris

Our speaker this month, Diane Harris of Stash Bandit Quilting, is a scrap quilter and quilt designer from Bladen, Nebraska. She loves everything about the quilting process and enjoys sharing it with others. Diane has been sewing for almost 50 years and quilting for three decades. She says she can't imagine ever running out of ideas!

One of the few things Diane enjoys as much as sewing is writing. These two passions have merged in the happiest way. For eleven years, Diane was an editor

for Quiltmaker magazine where she wrote patterns, product reviews, and how-to articles. Her quilt designs can still be seen regularly in the pages of Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting, Quick Quilts, and Quilty.

Diane will be presenting her Jingle Bells Trunk Show at both of our December 11 guild meetings. Not just red and green quilts, there are inspired color recipes of all sorts. Large and small, pieced and appliquéd, modern and traditional—there's a little something for everyone. It's sure to get us in the mood for holiday quilting!

Want to know more about Diane Harris and Stash Bandit Quilting?

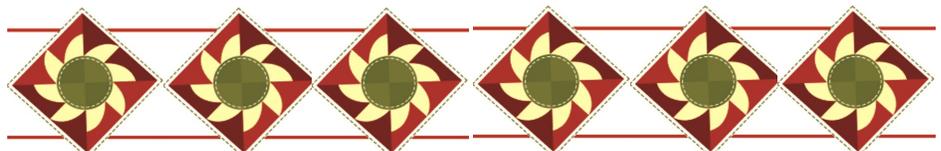
<https://stashbandit.net/>

<https://stashbandit.net/category/blog/>

<https://www.facebook.com/stashbandit/>

Our December meeting is also our Christmas Party!

If you signed up to bring cookies, please don't forget! See you all there!



President's Notes

By Sara Farley

Patterns

I am a creature of habit, or perhaps more precisely, of patterns. I pay attention to them, in quilts, on floors, in music, in sentence structures, in fields. As a child I observed object lessons taught by my mom. As an adult I hope to pattern myself in the grace and kindness and wisdom my mom lived. I think of the nickname of my paternal grandfather, "H. F. Straight" Reimer, for his reputation of always plowing the truest lines in his fields. These are some of the patterns that shaped me.

Now I do have a bit of a reputation though for taking a pattern and breaking away from it. I'm known to never really follow a recipe (or measure ingredients accurately). True, when I played piano in the high school jazz band, I never had the courage to riff, but when it comes to cooking and quilting, I do! I was thrilled when Barb Nickelson chose the nine-patch for our block of the month. I'm drawn to that simple pattern because it both gives me a foundation and also offers me so many opportunities to play.

I was so inspired by Lois Stoltenberg, our November speaker. One thing especially, something she said at the evening meeting, struck me. She noted that she was greatly influenced by a grandmother she never met but who had left behind a quilt that came to Lois. As a retired teacher, I know the hope that I had that good would come from the lessons I taught, even if I would never see the end result. As we enter this season of giving, I want to remember that part of any gift I give is my letting go of ownership. That, I believe, is true of gifts of time, material, or spirit. They will blossom in their own time.

Wishing you the joy of the seasons!



Cares & Concerns

Mary Wolfe's mother died

Mary Louise Heaton (long time member) died

November 7th

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Please remember to enter Cares & Concerns in the notebook on the Hospitality table or email

[membersatlarge@pqgks.com](mailto:membersatlarge@pqgks.com)

## *Celebrating the Seasons of Life*

As Sara announced at our last guild meeting, we would like to "introduce" a new opportunity for all of us to celebrate our great guild. Our guild is already a qualified 501(c)3 organization, a non-profit or exempt group, for federal tax purposes. With that already in place, we have an opportunity to grow our guild in new ways. Have you ever just wanted to be able to celebrate the friends in our guild or in your quilting bee, a great speaker that you enjoyed, your many mentors along your quilting path, a friend's birthday, or maybe even the passing of someone near and dear to you? It is our hope that you will consider celebrating these events by making a donation to your PQG. Your donation will be acknowledged with a "receipt". Each month we will share these "celebrations" with you via our newsletter.

Cheryl Maris, Endowment

## *Note From the Librarian*

Since the guild has decided to stay in the Scottish Rite Center, and we now have more room, we will be bringing another bookcase to use. We will also be weeding out some of our old, unused books from the library. We have many old books that haven't been checked out in years, so we will be deleting them. The library will offer these books to the members. **They will be \$1.00 each.** We are also doing away with the magazines, and offering them for **FREE**. So within the next two months start looking for the shelf that holds these books and magazines. The shelf will have a sign on it so you can readily see it. ☺

We will also start buying more of the fiction books. If you have a favorite author, that we don't have, let me know.

**Sue Gilliam, Librarian**

## Workshop Information

Please read the Guild Workshop Policy first before registering for one of our speakers' workshops.

Please check the Upcoming Workshop for details for cost, available kit cost, and materials needed for each workshop. Workshop fees are non-refundable. Sign up for workshops is available during Guild meetings at the Workshop table. A supply list is available at the time of sign-up.



## Workshop Policy

Workshop sign-ups are open to all Guild members three (3) guild meetings before the workshop at a cost of \$40 for one-day workshop (\$80 for two-days). If space remains available one month prior to the workshop, non-members may register at the non-member cost of \$50 for one-day (\$100 for two-days). Workshop reservations are held only with full payment of the registration fee. When reservations are phoned into the Workshop Chair, the person will be placed on a waiting list until payment is received. Refunds will be given only if a workshop is cancelled by PQG. If there is no waiting list, members and non-members are responsible for finding and securing funds from another person.



## 2019 Spring Quilt Retreat

You are invited to join in the PQG Spring Retreat Mar 25-30 at Wheat State Camp which is located on Santa Fe Lake Rd west of Augusta, KS; about 1.25 mi north of US Hwy 54/400 and is easily accessible from all directions.

More information and the Registration Form are available on the PQG Website in the LINKS. We hope you will consider joining us for a time where we get to know other members of our Guild, sew a lot, share snacks, play a few games and just have fun!

Mary Graham, Retreat Co-Chair

## 2018-2019 PQG Programs & Workshops

- January, 2019** Workshop Chair TBD
- February, 2019** Becky Goldsmith  
www.pieceocake.com  
Lecture: A Practical Approach to Color  
Workshop: Backyard Birds
- March, 2019** Robbi Eklow  
www.robbieklow.com  
Lecture: Free Expression Quilts  
Workshop: Fusapalooza Mini
- April, 2019** Elizabeth Granberg-Jerome,  
www.gypsydreamerquilts.com  
Lecture: Adventures with 60 Degree Triangle Quilts
- May, 2019** Gyleen X. Fitzgerald  
www.colourfulstitches.com  
Lecture: The Path to Modern  
Workshop: Modern Free-Wheeling Circles
- June, 2019** Rose Haury Lecture: Trunk Show
- July, 2019** Peggy Martin  
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Lecture: Beyond Tradition  
Workshop: The New Feathered Star
- August, 2019** Nancy Prince  
www.nancyprince.com  
Lecture: So What is Thread Painting All About?  
Workshop: Enhancing a Photograph through Thread Sketching
- September, 2019** Betsy Chutchian  
www.betsychutchianquiltsandmore.blogspot.com  
Lecture: 19th Century Patchwork Quilt Divas  
Workshop: TBD



## Workshop Location - Scottish Rite

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## After the Founders: Quilt Shows

By Sara Farley

As PQG was getting started, the members knew that they wanted to showcase quiltmaking. A quilt show would provide an avenue to share their love and talents with the community. Gail Hand curated the first show, held at the Wichita Public Library. She arranged quilts by decades. This show drew interest but was limited to 10 quilts by the size of the room. So a bigger show was planned.

In June of 1984 that first big show, "Quilting on the Prairie: Yesterday and Today," was held at the Church of the Magdalen. Eleanor Malone and Maralyn Stocker were co-chairs. Funding came from a Kansas Art Commission grant. The preview event on Friday night included a fashion show, melodrama, and refreshments. The one-day show featuring over 150 quilts was seen by 1500. Hostesses wore cobbler-style aprons made especially for the event. The making of the raffle quilt, "Prairie Path," was chaired by Merylyn Austin, Judy Ermey, and Mary Williams. The guild cleared \$4,000 and used the proceeds to buy a projector and screen and to provide seed money for a future show.

The guild determined that such big shows would be held every other year. "Quilt Kansas 1986" was held at Friends University as was the 1990 "Pieces of Dreams." The 1988 "Pride of the Prairie" was held at Century II, where beginning in 1992, the biennial show found a home. As the tradition grew, there were additions and changes. The show expanded to a three-day affair. In 1988 a mini-auction was added to raise funds for the Kansas Quilt Project. Later the mini-auction provided money for educational grants. Some shows featured nationally known teachers, and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PQG was celebrated with 11 special exhibits at museums and venues in Wichita and North Newton that augmented the show "Reflections 2002--20 Years of Quilts and Quilting."

In addition to these large shows, PQG did put on smaller shows in alternate years, including one-woman shows honoring Lillie Webb and Diane Lane. Other shows were held in conjunction with Botanica and the Lawn, Flower, & Garden Show. Additionally, PQG was invited to exhibit at the Wichita Art Museum in conjunction with a traveling exhibit from the Shelburne Museum.

We continue to showcase our love of quilting!

Sources: Merylyn Austin, Eleanor Malone, Teresa Mulhern, "Through the Years"



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## “To The Nines” / Block of the Month / Block 3

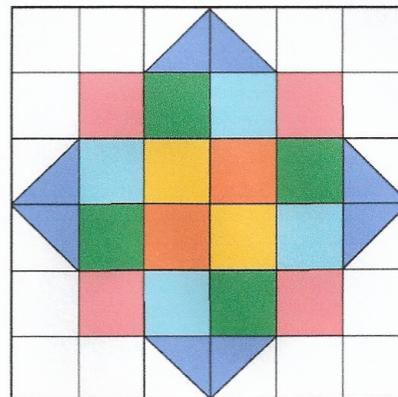
### “To the Nines” Block of the Month, Block 3

*December calendars are full of wonderful activities, so we have simplicity in this block. Consider making the block of scraps from fabrics used in the past year, or in your whole quilting history.*

*“...Anything so intimately bound up in the history of a country will reappear from time to time in popularity. The present revival began about 1915 but was submerged by knitting during the World War. Following The War the interest was renewed and quilt piecing became one of the vital interests of the day. Manufacturers of cotton prints revived many of the 19<sup>th</sup> century designs.” from The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America, by R. Hall and R. Kretzinger published in 1935.*

Month 3, **SPLIT NINE PATCH** doesn't gain by trying to strip piece, nor by trying to work with all 36 pieces all at once! Four 9 patch units form the composite block found in Quilter's Newsletter Magazine of March 1999.

| Unit       | Fabric | #  | Finished Block Sizes |    |        |
|------------|--------|----|----------------------|----|--------|
|            |        |    | 6"                   | 9" | 12"    |
| Square     | Dark   | 16 | 1 1/2"               | 2" | 2 1/2" |
|            | Light  | 12 | 1 1/2"               | 2" | 2 1/2" |
| 1/2 Square | Dark   | 4  | 2"                   | 3" | 3"     |
|            | Light  | 4  | 2"                   | 3" | 3"     |



### **TIPS & TECHNIQUES:**

I make half square triangle units (HST) by marking the diagonal of the light squares, then stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of that line. The cut size is  $\frac{7}{8}$ " larger than the finished piece in the block. So, if the other units are 2" finished ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " cut), then  $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares are needed for the HST, and I can select from my 3" squares container. Once stitched and pressed I carefully trim up the HST to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

*Stitch with joy and peace.*

*-Barb Nickelson*

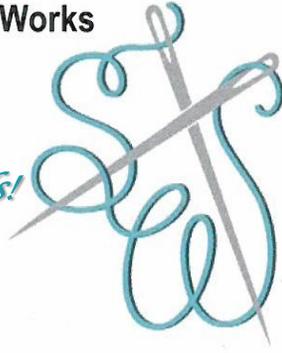
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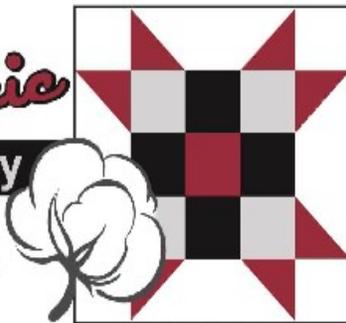
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I'm happy to be serving as your beekeeper! I quickly discovered that to do this job I need your help. PQG lacks a master list of the bees in our area. If you serve as the contact person for a bee, please email me at [joliver326@hotmail.com](mailto:joliver326@hotmail.com) so I can start gathering this important information. Until next time, bee happy!  
Jo Oliver

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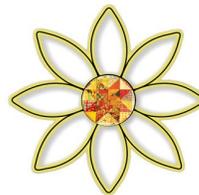
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 Evening: Elaine Baker, Janelle Miller

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 Afternoon Alt: Jean Volosin  
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 Evening Alt: Teresa Mulhern



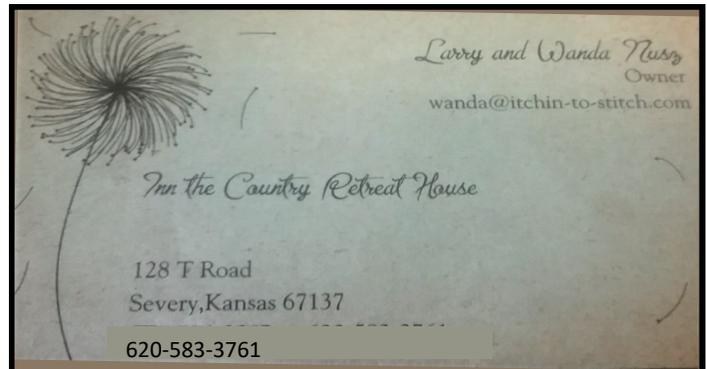
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**Next Guild Meeting—December 11**

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### **About Our Guild**

The Prairie Quilt Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Scottish Rite Venue 332, 332 E First Street, Wichita. Guild meetings are scheduled from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Annual dues are \$25.00 for the period October through September; after April 1 a first-time member will pay \$12.50. For further information, please contact President, Sara Farley, 316.686.2529 Past President Peggy Dawson, 316-217-5223

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